

TOP 8 INJURY-RELATED DEATHS AND HOSPITAL DISCHARGES
BY AGE GROUP, RHODE ISLAND

Age Group	Rank	Cause of Injury-Related Death	Frequency 1990-1998 WISQARS	Cause of Injury-Related Hospital Discharge	# of Hospital Discharges 1991-2002
0--20	1	MVTraffic/Transp	135	MVTraffic/Transport	3,844
	2	Homicide	87	Falls	3,533
	3	Suicide	50	Self-inflicted injuries	1,397
	4	Drowning	28	Struck by/against	1,143
	5	Suffocation*	19	Assault	999
	6	Fire/Burn *	19	Poisoning	697
	7	Poisoning	7	Fire/Burn	615
	8	Falls	5	Cut/Pierce	606
21--44	1	Suicide	405	MVTraffic/Transport	6,078
	2	MVTraffic/Transp	372	Self-inflicted injuries	5,302
	3	Homicide	206	Falls	4,963
	4	Drowning	62	Assault	2,290
	5	Poisoning	55	Struck by/against	1,053
	6	Falls	34	Cut/Pierce	1,011
	7	Fire/Burn	16	Poisoning	991
	8	Suffocation	13	Overexertion	872
45--64	1	Suicide	182	Falls	5,568
	2	MVTraffic/Transp	128	MVTraffic/Transport	2,179
	3	Falls	42	Self-inflicted injuries	1,411
	4	Suffocation	31	Poisoning	522
	5	Homicide	29	Overexertion	495
	6	Drowning	18	Cut/Pierce	352
	7	Fire/Burn	16	Struck by/ against	346
	8	Poisoning	13	Assault	340
65+	1	Falls	363	Falls	27,107
	2	MVTraffic/Transp	158	MVTraffic/Transport	1,964
	3	Suicide	145	Poisoning	650
	4	Suffocation	90	Overexertion	455
	5	Fire/Burn	47	Struck by/against	378
	6	Poisoning	23	Self-inflicted injuries	367
	7	Homicide	17	Fire/Burn	256
	8	Drowning	14	Suffocation	245
0-65+		All Injury Deaths	3,579	All Injury Discharges	100,515

*Suffocation and Fire/Burn are tied for 5th in 0-20 age group.

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (<http://webapp.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/mortrate.html>); Hospital Discharge Database Office of Health Statistics Rhode Island Department of Health; and Economic and Insurance Resource Center Children's Safety Network

- Motor vehicle traffic/ Transport is the leading cause of injury death and hospitalization for Rhode Islanders ages 0-20.

- The populations with the highest rate of motor vehicle traffic related deaths in Rhode Island are 85+ (17 per 100,000) and 21-44 (11 per 100,000). Rhode Islanders 85+ have similar motor vehicle traffic death rates to 16-20 year olds (17 per 100,000 VS. 16 per 100,000 respectively).
- For 16-20 year olds: MVTraffic/Transport is leading cause of injury hospitalizations, Self-inflicted injury second, and Assault fourth.
- For 65+ Self-inflicted injury is the sixth leading cause of injury hospitalizations (note the 16% unspecified/ undetermined/ other categories could change the ranking for this and other injuries).
- Fire burn injuries are underrepresented because serious burn injuries are often transported out of state.

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